

the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3954. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3955. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration's Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3956. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3957. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3958. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to List of CBP Preclearance Offices in Foreign Countries: Addition of Halifax, Canada and Shannon, Ireland" (CPB Dec. 09-45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3959. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2009-1979); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3960. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption for 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3961. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Loan Program for Systemically Important SBA Secondary Market Broker-Dealers" (RIN3245-AF95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3962. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflationary Adjustment to Acquisition-Related Dollar Thresholds" (RIN3245-AF74) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3963. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management,

Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Residential Care Program" (RIN2900-AM82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BURRIS:

S. 2841. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow S corporations the deduction for charitable contribution of inventory; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2842. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for direct to consumer advertising expenses for prescription pharmaceuticals and to provide a deduction for fees paid for the participation of children in certain organizations which promote physical activity; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2843. A bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2844. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2845. A bill to amend section 1028 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession, transfer, or use of fraudulent documents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. BURRIS):

S. Res. 371. A resolution congratulating Jimmie Johnson and Hendrick Motorsports for winning the 2009 NASCAR Spring Cup Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 292, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 410

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure States follow best policies and practices for supporting and retaining foster parents and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to States to improve the empowerment, leadership, support, training, recruitment, and retention of foster care, kinship care, and adoptive parents.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of 5 United States Army Five-Star Generals, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry "Hap" Arnold, and Omar Bradley, alumni of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to coincide with the celebration of the 132nd Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

S. 461

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 461, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to establish a program for tribal colleges and universities within the Department of Health and Human Services and to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to authorize the provision of grants and cooperative agreements to tribal colleges and universities, and for other purposes.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 730, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 760

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "National World War I Memorial".

S. 761

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to establish the World War I Centennial Commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and for other purposes.